MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*) : Then why was it not worked?

MR. S. VENKATARAMANA AIYAR (*Ag. Financial Secretary to Government*) : Because more hands were required.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*) : May I know whether after the purchase of this machine there was a proposal to entertain more hands to work this maching?

MR. S. VENKATARAMANA AIYAR (*Ag. Financial Secretary to Government*) . That was not considered to be necessary because the Financial Secretary applied to the Electrical Engineer for power and it was found that the machine could be worked by Electricity.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): Sir, if it could not be worked, then why was the machine purchased before electric power was introduced?

Sir, the answers given by the member are contradictory. I got the answer that the machine was purchased in 1927 and that they have not sufficient hands available to work the machine till now. Now they say that the machine will be worked as soon as electric power is obtained to work the machine. At the time when the machine was ordered there was no idea as to the number of people that would be required to work the machine. When it was known that a large number of hands would be required they did not entertain the number of hands required but they are waiting for the electricity scheme so that they could work the machine with electricity more advantageously. Sir, proposals are made for the purchase of a machine costing Rs. 5,000 odd and then after getting down the machine they have no idea how the machine should be worked. There is no-body to work this machine and the poor tax-payer's money is spent in this manner. That idea, Sir, you may get.

*Appointments and promotions in the Stamp Manufactory.*

168. MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*) : With reference to the working of the Stamp Manufactory, will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether outsiders, new and unqualified, were appointed when there were already disbanded men from the Government Mint living on one-third subsistence allowance, and, if so, why outsiders were preferred and whether there is any loss to the Government on this account ;

(*b*) whether any unqualified persons have made any corrections in their V. S. L. Certificates to make themselves qualified for a post in the Stamp Manufactory and whether that was done with or without the knowledge of the Superintendent ; and

(*c*) if so, the action taken in the matter ?

MR. S. VENKATARAMANA AIYAR (*Ag. Financial Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) Yes. Mint employees are taken in when suitable vacancies occur. But these men being rather old are found to be incapable of

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learning the art of printing as they could not readily distinguish between the different shades of colour. So, in the interests of efficiency, fresh young men have also to be entertained.

(*b*) The Government are not aware of any such corrections in the Vernacular School Leaving Certificates.

(*c*) In view of the answer to part (*b*), this does not arise.

*Grant of travelling allowance to officers of the Madras Government.*

169. **MR. ITTOOP ITTEECHAN** (*Kunnatnad*): Are the Gvernment aware that, when officers of the Government of Madras are transferred, travelling allowance is being granted to the members of their families also?

**MR. S. VENKATARAMANA AIYAR** (*Ag. Financial Secretary to Government*): The answer is in the affirmative.

*Recruitment of Probationary Inspectors of Police.*

170. **MR. K. N. KESAVAN NAMPUTIRIPAD** (*Jenmies*): (1) Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a list showing:

(*a*) the names of persons approved by the Commissioner of Police and who were directed to appear before the Selection Committee Board in the Dewan's office in connection with the selection of Probationary Inspectors; and

(*b*) the names of persons finally selected?

(2) Will they be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the selection was made from the Commissioner's list;

(*b*) if the answer to part (2) (*a*) is in the negative, the reasons for making the selection from outside the list; and

(*c*) if the appointments were made on consideration of communal representation, the reasons for disregarding the claims of some of the communities, whether minor or major, backward or forward, from which no selection was made and the names of those communities?

**MR. K. GEORGE** (*Chief Secretary to Government*):

(1) (*a*) Mr. K. S. Arunachalam Pillai.
" K. Madhavan Pillai.
" V. Padmanabhan.
" K. Veluttakochu.
" P. Padmanabhan Tampi.
" K. Sankara Varier.
" P. A. Mahomed.
" P. Mahomed Kunju.
" P. Kunjukrishna Nadar.
" M. Devasahayam.
" N. Tangaswami Nadar.

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